

# House District 17

## Nicholas “Nick” J. Begich, Alaskan Independence



**DATE OF BIRTH:** November 10, 1958

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Anchorage

**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Shelah Slade

**CHILDREN:** Nicholas, Melissa, Forest, Nichole, Sierra

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**OCCUPATION:** Consultant - Business/  
Science/Governmental  
Affairs

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 42 years  
Anchorage/Eagle River 42 years

**EDUCATION:**  
Open International University for Complementary  
Medicines: Doctor of Medicine, honoris causa;  
University of the State of New York - Regents College:  
business, economics, labor relations, working toward  
BA; Leadership Institute: American Federation of  
Teachers, Washington, D.C; Bartlett-Begich High  
School: Rank 19/485 with honors; Gemological Institute  
of America: LA, California.

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Delegate, AIP Conventions; Tribal  
Administrator/Planner, Chickaloon Village.

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
Purchasing/Warehouse Coordinator, Anchorage School  
District; Alaska Federation of Teachers/AFT President;  
Executive Director; Anchorage Council of Education,

President; Earthpulse Press Incorporated, President;  
Texas Instruments, Manufacturing Engineer's  
Assistant.

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**  
Religious Studies, Geology.

**OTHER:**  
Adopted Athabascan citizen; Anchorage Community  
Service Award Project 1990's; Municipality of  
Anchorage, Hazardous Waste Innovation Award;  
Outstanding Service Award-Anchorage School  
District; Director, Nick Begich Scholarship Fund;  
Coauthored four books translated into English,  
German, Japanese, French and Hungarian.

**STATEMENT:**  
As the wealthiest region on the planet we can do bet-  
ter in solving Alaska's complex problems. I was born  
in this community and believe that I offer solutions  
that can build solid futures for our families. I have  
spent my life gaining experiences that I believe have  
prepared me to serve my District. It's not always been  
easy and, like everyone, the toughest experiences  
tend to be our most important ones. I know what it is  
to go through tough times and rise above them. My  
background, good and bad, have shaped me into a  
hardworking problem solver and capable manager.

I am an innovative thinker with a reputation for integri-  
ty, perseverance and compassion. I have a back-  
ground working in the building trades, business, poli-  
tics, and government and am particularly known for  
my skills in resolving complex problems. My experi-  
ences as a Tribal Administrator and a highly regarded  
School District Administrator have equipped me to  
meet the challenges we face in the next two years. In  
my career I have had the opportunity to apply innova-  
tive ideas in creating more efficient governmental  
services.

Education in Alaska represents the majority of the  
operating budget and my experience in this area will  
offer the innovations we need to create a 21st century  
solution that serves the future. I believe that I can help  
restore an open government responsive, compassion-  
ate and effective for Alaskans. Education, oil taxation  
and balancing the budget in a manner that works for  
the long run will be my priorities.

*provided and paid for by the candidate*